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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated November 7, 2005, the claims of Group I (claims 1-7), drawn to a method of identifying a compound comprising combining the compound with a polypeptide, and detecting binding of the compound to said polypeptide, are elected for prosecution without traverse. The Examiner has additionally required Applicants to elect a single polypeptide. In order to be fully responsive, Applicants elect to pursue molecule 16386 (SEQ ID NOs:1-2).

Applicants hereby reserve the right to traverse the above restriction with respect to non-elected Groups II-IV in this or subsequent applications.

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